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DATE: February 4, 2016
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Rick Joseph, Michigan Teacher of the Year
SUBJECT: Report of Michigan Teacher of the Year

On January 9th, I attended a meeting of the Michigan National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) Network at Eastern Michigan University. We discussed ways to elevate the profile of and foster new leadership opportunities for NBCTs throughout the state.

On January 11th, I was the invited to tour Saginaw High School (SHS) and Carrollton Middle School with Pam Pugh. I met members of SHS's Teen Advisory Council and Student Council. I toured the school-based health clinic. I met students in the LINKS program and discussed how it benefited all students concerned.

At Carrollton, I observed an 8th grade English class and spoke to the students about possessing a growth mindset.

On January 13th, Kathleen Straus observed a 3/4 science class at Birmingham Covington School as they presented their hydroponic garden system. Kathie took a tour of the school at all levels.

On January 13th, I visited Loyola High School, an all-boys catholic school in Detroit that serves students at-risk that has a unique work-study program for all students.

On January 14th, I presented to seven different sections of high school students at Waterford Kettering on growth mindset.

On January 18th, I facilitated a professional learning experience for teachers at Groves HS entitled *Inclusiveness Through LGBTQ Literature* for Birmingham Public School's Martin Luther King Day.

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From January 20-23, I attended the National Teacher of the Year Annual Convening in San Antonio, TX. I met my Teacher of the Year colleagues and discussed ways I could enhance my teacher leadership skills and role.

On January 25th, I presented to the Birmingham Derby Middle School Parent Group on growth mindset.

On January 29th, I presented *Inclusiveness Through LGBTQ Literature* at the Sexual Orientation and Gender Issues in Education conference at Oakland University.

On February 2nd, I toured the Detroit Achievement Academy.